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For: Infection-Blocking Dental Implant)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/778,503, filed January 3, 1997, now allowed.

Prior to examining the subject continuation application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, delete the paragraph under "Cross References To Related Applications," and add
the following paragraph -- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/778,503,
filed January 3, 1997, now allowed, which is a complete application claiming the benefit of U.S.